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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Application No.	09/818,688
Filing Date	March 26, 2001
First Named Inventor	Youfeng Wu
Art Unit	2122
Examiner Name	Vo, Ted T.
Attorney Docket Number	42390P10788

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
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- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees**

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) and any additional claims fee(s)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other: (\$00) 07/15/2004 HALI11 00000125 09818688
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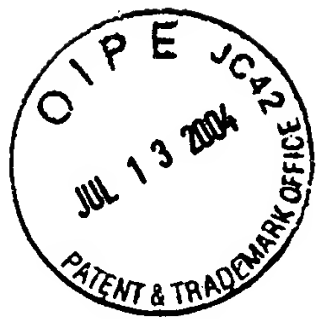
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 11, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9.